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SIR,

ftrange that I chuse you for a Patron; but as I hate Ingratitude, whom cou'd, or ought I so soon to address as your less? The range Obligations I have received from bu, would make it an impardonable Error in me, were I to lose his Opportunity of returning you my A 2

## DEDICATION.

sincerest Thanks. And at once convince you how just a Sense I have of your Worth and Honour; That you are a Gentleman of a most prosound Judgement, every Action of your Life is a sufficient Testimony: But since you have kindly condescended to distract the poor Players with your Understanding, you are become an inimitable Original In short, Sir, there's no doing you Justice; thou excellent young Man.

Since, therefore, 'tis not in my Power to pay your Merits due, I must content myself with only saying, That take you for all in all, I hope ne'e shall look upon your Like again. I have such an implicit Regard for you, that I would not have you incumber you Head with Theatric Affairs any longer but leave it to the Fools who are us'd to it; and make no more Vacancies, bu

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## DEDIGATION

with your felf; as being, in my Opinion, of least Use, and consequently the easier spared.

I am, SIR,

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Favours of the Town; I think 'tis necessary to give publick Reasons for publick Proceedings.

During the Rehearfal of the following Work, call'd, The Art

of Management; or, Tragedy expell'd. I heard from different Hands that I was to suffer from Civil Power, for exhibiting a Satyr on the Managers of Drury Lane. Now, Whether any one about Town know such Persons as Squire Brainless, or Mr. Bloodbolt, is doubtful; for I solemnly protest I don't; I can't but say that I think the Name of Brainless very applicable to a Blockhead, as that of Bloodbolt may be to a Bully. And if there are any People in the World who ast in real Life, as those two Characters are supposed to do, I am certain they must be very much consounded and ashamed to acknowledge themselves piqued tho' the Cap should sit.

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And as for satyrizing the Managers, I don't know that there are any Persons there who can properly claim that Title, for since the two Gentlemen (who governed six Years ago) have been dead, and the other quitted it, I don't know any one Circumstance that has look'd like Order or Decorum during that Time, (a few Months excepted) but of that I shall say no more; lest I grow vain (or at least thought to be so) in Commendation of one who truly deserves my Praise.

As to the Farce, if any Gentleman thinks himfelf touch'd home, or but flightly glanced at, let me advise him to keep his Sentiments to himself.

A prudent Man wou'd I'm sure; and he must be a most egregious Fool who wou'd reject my

Council.

But now I shall proceed to give a just Account of the Manner of my being discharged, as to the Reasons, that will be as difficult a Task for me as for the Gentleman who did it; for he has often spoke of me as one, whom he thought, worth Acceptance (as a Player) in any Theatre; therefore, any contrary Reason after such a Declaration wou'd be radiculous; but I had a Letter fent me, to inform me, the Charge being too high, made it necessary to lessent by dismissing me. I confess it was what I did not in the least expect, as being ignorant of having deferved it; when a Motion was made for my being recall'd, tho' not by me; I was refused, and it was not long before we left off playing; (that I at a Quarter of an Hour's Warning, twice read two capital Parts, viz. The Queen in Essex, and another Night Cleopatra) which,

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which, I believe, I did not appear scandalous in, if I may be allowed to judge by the good Nature of the Audience, tho' on such Occasions they are

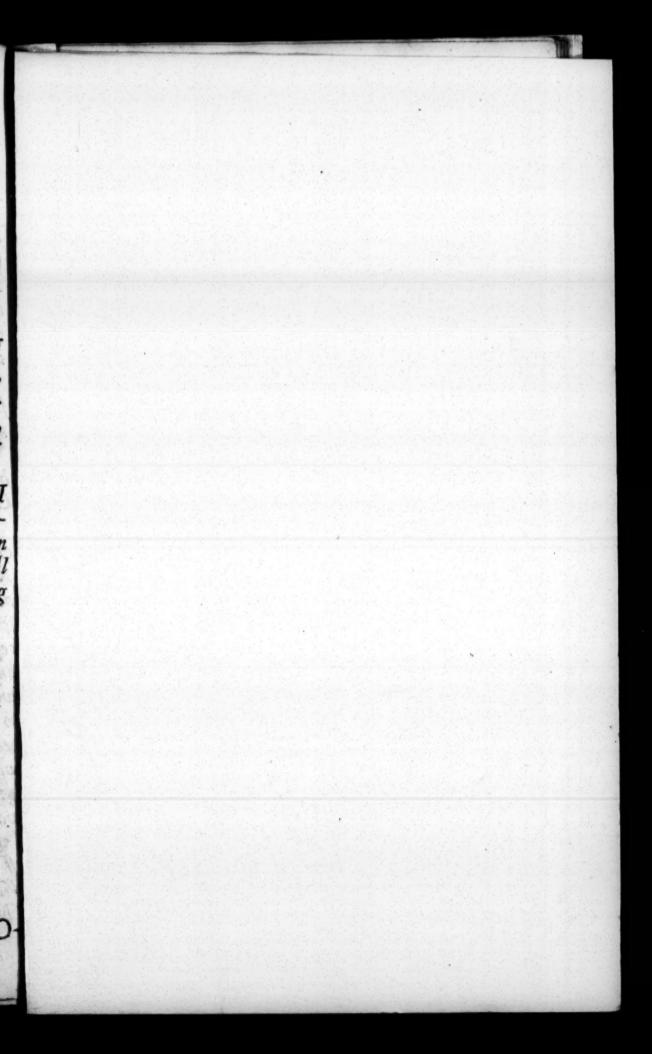
generally tender to young Players.

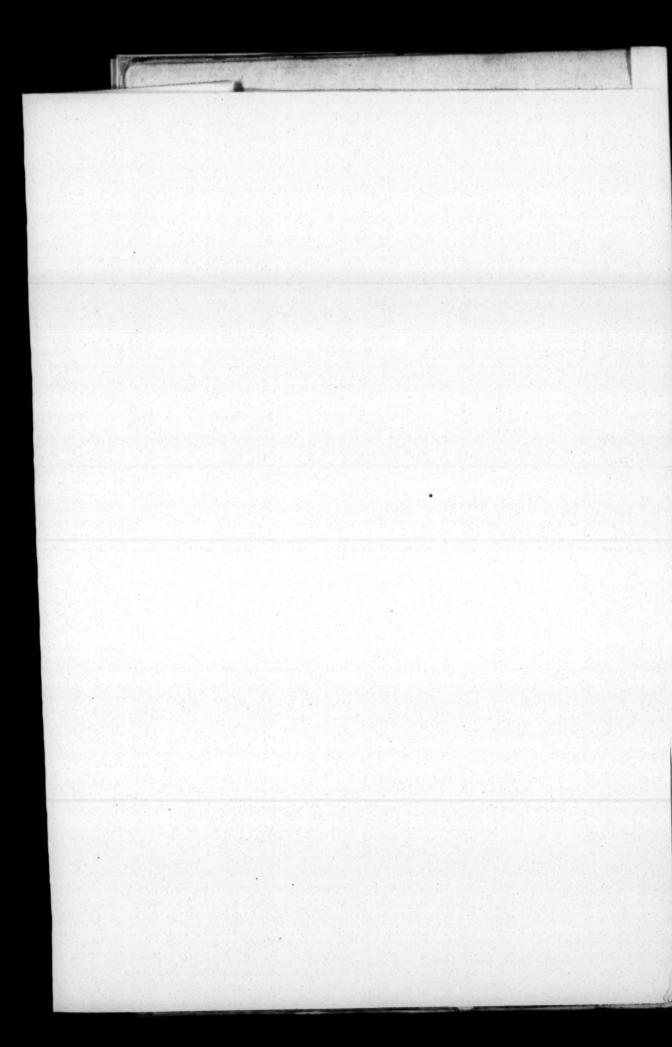
I can't but say 'tis hard to be deprived of the Means of an honest Livelihood, without giving Some immediate Provocation; and for my private Misconduct, which it seems, has been (for want of a better alledged as a Reason) tho' a bad one; for while my Follies only are burtful to my felf, I know no Right that any Persons, unless Relations, or very good Friends, have to call me to Account. I'll allow private Virtues heighten publick Merits, but then the Want of those private Virtues wont affect an Actors Performance.

And for me, tho' I confess it with a Blush, I have paid so little Regard to my felf, that I rather have made my Faults too conspicuous, than that I have conceal'd them; so the Town will hardly be surprized at what they have been so long

acquainted with.







### An Occasional

## PROLOGUE

Spoken by Mrs. CHARKE.

THEN the first Pair from Paradice were driv'n, They fib'd, they wept, and mourn'd their latest Heav'n With Grief unbounded, left their native Seat, While refounding Ecopos did their Wes repeat, I, like them from ancient Drury expell'd, Why I know not, yet helpless to be repeal'd, To this poor Refuge, annillingly I flow, And humbly refer my haples Cause to you; When injured then the worst Judges we become, And partial to our felves beighten our Oppressor's Doom. No, I rather chase your Pity than your Storn Of all Ills that's the hardest to be born, That I have Faults unlimited, I do confest, Tet that, makes not the Wrong of o bers lefs; All my Hopes do on your Smiles depend, Nay, my bounded Wilhes ask no o ber Friend; Since exil'd thus from my dear native Land, And cast on Fortune's Stream; afford a faving Hand. Your friendly Pity I must earnestly implore, And tenderly affift to waft me to the Shore, With unwearied Toil I'll hourly frive to please, If successful think't a Conquest gain'd with Ease, To your good Nature ever pay a just Regard, and think each Effort too little for the Incet Reward.



### MEN.

DICTION PORTER HEADPIECE MAZEWELL BLOODBOLT 'Squire BRAINLESS First MERRY ANDREW Second MERRY ANDREW NOTANDUM rour ad ready bares no BOXKEEPER GEORGE THE WAY SINGLY S PETER Tool and or fine and a dra tande all the Hat I have Faults unlimited ACTWELL MENT SET AND TO THE BUSKIN Henry Me era your Could Min harded to thee as will

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[The THEATRE.]

SCENE I.

Enter the Porter to the House, and Dixion, with a Bundle of Letters.



ters as directed, and summons the rest of the Ladies and Gentlemen to Rehearsal of the new Comedy.

Porter. Pray Sir, which wou'd you have me do first; I am apt to think, twou'd be better to summons those that are left.

left, before I carry the Letters for those that are discharg'd; else, you'll probably wait 'till three o'Clock in the Afternoon for a Rehearfal.

Dist. You are in the right; therefore hafte (Exit. Port. away.

## Enter Headplece and Mazely.

Head. I Ixon, good Morrow; -- Well, how go Matters here?

Dix. Truly, Sir, very poorly. All our best Players are discharged, and those that know nothing at all of the Matter, are--- to have their Salaries rais'd!

Head. I find our wife Manager is refolv'd his Players should not put him out of Counter nance, by having more Wit than himself?

Mazely. For my part, I am in a perfect Maze! And for my Soul can't fee what he driving at !-- Prithee! what is this new Co

medy we are to rehearfe.

Diet. Oh, a most elegant Entertainment, affure ye! 'Tis a Performance which can't chul but please! 'Tis called the Union of the Bea and Monkey! 'Tis a Dramatical Pantamimical fort of Comedy. And I believe the first its kind that ever was exhibited. 'Tis to b performed by Merry Andrews, Monkies, Bear and Prize-Fighters.

Head. Monstrous! that Acting should be so upon such a wretched Footing! but 'tis in

possible the Town can encourage it.

Diff. 'Egad! Sir, they had better; for M Blog

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r M Blog Bloodboit wrote the Thing; and the Town must all meet him at the Bear-Garden, if they offer to disapprove it; nay we have some of that Fraternity placed here, as Box and Gallery-Keepers, to frighten the Audience into Applause!

Head. If the Town don't rise in Arms against these Proceedings, it never deserves a decent Entertainment again; but I have some private Reasons to believe, that this won't hold long, and that you'll i ee a new Face of Business here

shortly.

Diet. O! for that Matter, Sir, I have seen above twenty this Morning already; --- Why we have got all the Merry Andrews from Bartholomew Fair; and I believe in a little Time, we shall have Rope dancing to entertain the Audience, while the House is filling.

Head. Not unlikely truly !--- But pray can

you give a List of those discharg'd.

Dict. Yes, I believe I have 'em all down, but there's one who has her Discharge whom you don't suspect! Mrs. Tragie---!

Head. Tragie! her Discharge! --- for what

pray!

Diff. O! that no Mortal can tell.

Head. How did she receive it.

Dist. O! most heroically! for she conceal'd her Surprize as much as possible, but pity'd our Managers want of Judgment, more than her own Disappointment.!

Head. Every Part of his Conduct is of a Piece with this! therefore I don't wonder more at

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it, than at any Thing else he has done .-- Are you very busy, Diction.

Diet. No, Sir.

Head. Well step with me to Talbot's Coffeehouse, for I have something to communicate to Exeunt. you.

Enter Miss Glidewell, and Pinwell, one of the Women Dreffers.

Ear Mrs. Pinwell, you know 'tis not in my Power to speak for you, for Mr. Brainless is endeavouring every Day to find out a Clause in my Articles, that he may discharge me too: Nay, sometimes fends for me to practice a new Dance of a Sun-day Morning, (which, to fay Truth, I never deny'd doing, because he shou'd not have the Pleasure of making that a Plea, for getting rid

of me.)

Pin. 'Tis very hard, that I who have been these 10 Years in the House, shou'd be turn'd out, without any Reason. I am sure, Madam, you can witness for me, I never have once been guilty of Neglect, and really I think I know myBufiness as well as Mrs. Pinwell! who came in, but last Season! I know well enough why she's a Favourite! People are not blind! Let her think as she pleases! However least said is foonest mended! For my Part, I value my self as much in my Stuff-Gown, as she in her Silks and her Velvet Manteel. Well! kiffing goes by Favour! So I'll fay no more! However,

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Glide. Indeed 'tis quite out of my Power, therefore don't depend on me; however I'll put you in a Way, which is, to apply to.Mr. Diction the Prompter, for he is prime Minister, now I affure ye, and his Word goes farther than any Body's.

Pin. I give you many Thanks, Ma'am, you know, Ma'am, if 'twas your own Cafe, you'd think it mighty hard Ma'am! But I am vastly oblig'd to you, Ma'am! for your Advice, Ma'am! and, will certainly take it, Ma'am! I thank you, Ma'am, a thousand Times. Exit.

Glide. What an impertinent Creature 'tis! but these People who think least, generally

utter most.

### Enter Bloodbolt.

the Equire waits for you in the Glide. TEar Mr. Bloodbolt! when are we to begin, I have been above two Hours in the House, and there's nothing done offerday, when they were stey

Blood. Well! when you have ftay'd two Hours longer, may be there may be more done, then! Zounds! are you not paid

for being here!

Glide. Lard, Sir! don't fwear! you really fancy your felf at the Head of your Bear-Garden Troop - I'm not us'd to fuch Language, not I, nor I won't bear it!

Blood. Why then you may leave it! Damme!

who cares! A parcel of senseless Women are to be eternal Plagues to a Man! And then when he dislikes it.—Truly I won't bear it!—And I'll stay no longer—'Sblood! and a good Riddance!—I'll engage to surnish the House with a much better Company, and at a cheaper Rate, ay, and have Business carried on as it shou'd be;—I'll make a Bear Play, Pierrot, or a Monkey, Harlequin, that shall out-do any we have now upon the Stage!

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Glide. For that Matter, Sir, I don't doubt feeing your own Cook-Maid, exhibiting a Tragedy Queen before its long; and your Oftler

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Blood. And no ill Thing neither.-- 'Egad! I'll foon teach 'em to come up to any Thing we have here.

## Enter Porter

Port. SIR, the 'Squire waits for you in the Office, and here's two Men from

the Fairs Defire to speak with you.

Blood. Well, well; bring 'em to the Office-I hir'd 'em Yesterday, when they were upon the Bellcony's — Cleaver Fellows faith! Damme! we'll let the Town see, what they never saw before. I warrant 'em!

Exit with Porter.—
Glide. And ten to one never will defire to fee again!— Mercy on me! there's Management—O! how this poor House is fall'n! fince I first knew it!— I swear my Heart akes to think on't.—Well, I'll e'en fit me down in

the Green-Room patiently, till their high and mighty Wisdoms please to begin the Practice.

Enter Headpiece and Mrs. Tragic.

EAR Child, moderate your Rage, confider-

Tragic. Confider! no! 'tis beneath me to

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Let them confider who inflict the Injury! Then let them tremble at the Thought! Ha! discharg'd! dismiss'd! turn'd out! Death! Rage! and Torture! Now mourn ye tragic Mule Since Tragedy's expell'd! Now Revenge alone Shall fate my Fury! To Raggs, Blank-Verfe!--I'll tear like Actress's of Drury! Like them When most enrag'd, with fost'ning Whine, Break, quivering I break, the Feet in every Line. Then when Love's foft Passions touch the Heart, I'll fant and foar! Sound; not Sense, impart;--No more with just Accent grace my Tale,

But Nonsense, Noise, and Spangles shall prevail. Head. Prithee, no more; Learn rather to make yourself a real Loss, to them, than a happy Riddance; will your acting ill make them, or yourfelf most. Let Reason get the better of these mad Passions! and be advis'd by me. You know I wish you well; and as you are ally'd to me, consequently, have you more

at Heart.

Trag. My Thanks receive with Gratitude fincere.

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But, oh! alas! Fate like mine, what Heroine can bear;

Thus to be repay'd, for true Service done, The Day will be when thou wilt mount the

Throne,

And tumble thence by Merit's forceful Aid; This stripling Tyrant, that does my Peace invade;

Then Men (not Apes, nor rough-hewn Bears, Nor mimick Andrews, from Smithfield Fairs) Shall our Stage again, in Pomp, explore, And to her proper Rights the tragic Muse restore.

This with prophetic Voice, I now proclaim, That thou, my Hero, shall in Drury reign.

Head. Perhaps the Prophecy is good, yet for a while, we'll our Thoughts in our own Bosoms we'll confine; but see the Author of your Wrongs; be calm as Summer Seas, and patient as the Dove.

Trag. Yes, I will choak in this swelling Oath, that rises in my Throat; stifle my Rage, and learn from him, to dress my Face with

fmiling damn'd Deceit.

But he comes.

## Enter Squire Brainless.

Servant, you look mighty well, I hope you are so.

Tragie. And dar'st thou hope, thou Blockhead, Tyrant, Ravisher of Merit's Right.

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Head. For shame, nor let your Tongue good Manners so far exceed.

Brain. Pray, Madam, what is the Meaning of this tragical Rant; fure you are mad,

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Trag. Ha! not mad; but bound more than Madness is. Deprived Theatric Rights; confin'd to that of low Degree.—Prithee, let me rave, nor dare disturb the solemn Purpose of my Soul—

(To Head.)

Brain. Heigh! Day! Prithee, Headpiece, is she often troubled with these Fits, --- Why,

what's the Meaning of it?

Head. Why, your Usage, Sir! to be plain with you, is the Motive of it;—'twas base to discharge her when 'twas too late for her to provide elsewhere. I must confess, I think, tis not the most politick, or honest Thing, that ever was done.

Trag. No! base Recreant, No! nor Policy,

nor Honour there,

Took Place; within my favage Breast, or empty Pate; Gods! I'm amaz'd! to think that e're stupidity shou'd sit upon Theatric Throne!

had been happy had Scene-men, Candle-Snuffers,

or, Bill-stickers, been Masters there, so I had Nothing known; —Oh! now farewell the

haughty Strutt, (proud; he Salary that make Actress's extravagant and arewell the spangle Robe, and the tir'd Page,

whose keing Legs that rowl, and Players Pride has oft C 2 SupCrown th t

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Queens.

Make shrill Voices squabble for Parts of Oh! farewell all Pride, Pomp, and Circum-

stance of Self-Conceit.

Farewell all, for Tragic's Occupation's gone!

Brain. What the Devil's all this!---fure,
Ma'am, I am best Judge of my own Affairs;
and as I have no farther Business with you, I
desire to hear no more of your Tragical Impertinence!

Head. Loosers, Sir, may have Leave to speak; you can't suppose a Woman of her Spirit, could tamely bear such Treatment.

Brain. As to that, Sir, 'tis entirely equal to me whether either of you are pleas'd; for my Part, I find Management so troublesome a Business, that I wish I were fairly rid of

you all.

Head. As to that, Sir, I don't see any Business you had to undertake what you did not understand; all who are bred and born in it, must necessarily know more of it than a Man of Fortune, who never appear'd but in a Side Box, or behind the Scenes;—In my Opinion, Sir, your best, and wisest Way is to sell.

Brain. What, have you a Mind to buy, Sir,—I fancy you must be a little patient in

that Respect!

Head. Truly, Sir, I think you as little? Judge of that as of Management!——And le me farther tell you, as a Friend, that to sell now you are offer'd a Purchaser, will be more

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to your Credit and Advantage, than to stay till no Body will purchase. And if I foresee aright, that must be your Case, shortly!

Brain. Sir, you are extream wife in your own Conceit, but less Impertinence would be. come you better;—As for you, Madam, I have no more to say to you, and desire you'll trouble my House no more.

Exit.

Head. Why let the stricken Deer go weep!—Come, Tragic, don't despair, for yet I'll see thee great as thy Ambition prompts thee to; yes, my fair one, Rebellion must ensue, Rebellion! Oh! thou glorious Thought! Rebellion! Tragic, think, think on that!

Tragie. Ha! my Spirits rouze even to mighty Daring! (it with Pursue, my Hero! thy noble Purpose, pursue Thy wonted Courage, and redoubled Strength! Pursue it now, lest thy Mind shou'd change!

Head. Never, my Tragic, 'twill never change; No; this Instant, with my Brethren, in solemn Council, we'll debate on this most important Act of Glory!

Players yet (Hero, Unborn shall bless thee for. Come then, my Nor longer let's delay! Revenge spurs on to meet the joyful Day.

The glorious Day, when to our Honours we're

restor'd in a Month of and stunion of their And Theatres again, shall own thee for their world woller on the Fernit.

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Enter Bloodbolt, and two Merry Andrews.

Blood. Come, come, along, i'll fend for Mr. Brainless this Moment; I have got, you must know, two new Pantomines, upon the Stocks. --- Now you have a rare broad Face----And I fancy you'll do mighty well for a Bullyor let's fee !- You look stupid enough for Pierot.

Ift. And. Just what you please, Sir, nothing comes a-mils to me.

Enter 'Squire Brainless. Bloodbolt takes bim of cove experits roure even to

Blood. Harkee rare Fellows faith! Damme, they made fuch Fun in the B. Iconies I wou'd not mis'd on them for all the World ! ragic, 'twill never! blrow

Brain. Secure em at once then, offer em

any thing in reason, no stadeb Hew . Country

Blood. Oh! Zoons we can't give them less than Fifty Shillings a Week, Damme, they'll do! these are your right Fellows! Ah! let me alone, we'll shew them the odds on't, we shall be Slaves to the infolent Airs of a capering lac'd Waistcoat, and sprain'd Ankles, when here's good English Bloods, know more in a Minute than they do in a Month offer

Brain, Well, well, fet 'em down this Moment; there has been the Fellow with the wonderful Elephant; I have lifted him, you may Enter

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Blood. What do you give him?
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Brain. I will! I will! well Gentlemen we have refolv'd upon having you; so we defire you to attend every Morning, for we shall find you constant Employment.

ist. And. Thank your Honours! Peter, I

wonder what Pay we are to have.

2d. And. I warrant Six Shillings a Week, tis all the Year you know, and we had but half a Crown a Day at the Fair.

ift. And. Gad, that will be rare to have Six shillings coming in constantly, faith will it.

Brainless We have set each of you down turning to at Salary, and what I believe will them speaks. S content you; Fifty Shillings appeice, per Week.

ad fince 'tis so we'll stand upon Terms: Ah! and fince 'tis so we'll stand upon Terms: Ah! bir, I was in hopes you'd make it Three Pound, my Brother and I wou'd be willing to stay for hat, but 'twou'd not be worth our while to ake less, we cou'd not live, Sir.

Blood. Oh! but Friend you liv'd upon less t the Fairs, come, come, don't exact upon because we are willing to engage you.

2d. And. No, Sir, for my Part I don't care take that, there's a great deal of Slavery,

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and I won't think of any thing less than Three Pound.

Blood. Zoons and Fire, this is an Imposition.

Ift. And. Well, Sir, there's no harm done, your Servant Gentlemen, O no hurt in the least, if you are not as ready as we; no, no, we fcorn to impose on any one. (Offers to go.

Brain. Hold, Gentlemen, you shall have your Demands, 'tis not Ten Shillings a Week shall part us, I give you my Word, you shall

have Three Pounds.

ift. And. Very well, Sir, we are ready to to serve you, and enter into Articles as soon as you please.

Brain. Apropos! here comes Mr. Notandum my Lawyer, he shall draw them up this Mo-

ment.

## Enter Notandum with a Bag of Money.

O! Mr. Notandum, you are come in a lucky Moment, here's two honest Gentlemen that are engag'd, and we want to fign and feal as quick

as possible.

I was in hopes Notan. Well! step into the green Room, and send for a Sheet of Stamp Paper, I'll do it immediately; here, Sir, is the Thousand Pound you wanted, this and what you have had last Week, makes two Thousand five Hundred.

Brain. Well! give it me, and take care against next Saturday, to send in five Hundred

more into the Office.

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Notan. I shall, Sir, come we'll go and difatch these Articles. (Exeunt.

As Brainless goes in, he is met by the Porter

and a Lady.

Porter. Sir, this Lady desires to speak with

Brain. With me, Madam.

Lady. If you please, Sir, I understand, Sir, hat you have dismiss'd several of your Actress's, and I shou'd be very glad if you wou'd accept of me, for I have play'd with great Applause, I sfure you, Sir, at the other House, only we isagreed about Salary.

Brain. Pray, Madam, what Parts have you

dum ver play'd?

Lady. O! Sir, I have play'd top Parts I affure ou; I have play'd Jane Shore, Cleopatra, and ady Townly, and the Fair Penitent, and Lady Setty Modish; in short, Sir, I have play'd none ut Characters of that Cast.

Brain. Well, Madam, what Salary do you

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Lady. Sir, five Pounds a Week.

Brain. I am very forry we can't agree, for and e are resolved to bring all our five Pounders own to Twenty Shillings, for I don't think ound by Actress worth more; I am sorry for it, Madd last am, but our Charges are so high, we can't offibly hold it.

are a Lady. For that matter, the Town has thought a great while, but your reducing Players Saties, and raising of Puppet-Showmen, nei-

ther is a Proof of a Judgment, or your Justice, fo, Sir, your Servant. (Exit.

Brain. Yours Madam, well 'tis to me a mofe or monstrous thing, how Players can dare to exact the fuch Salaries, when I am positive not one of them brings half the Money in three Months that they receive in One.

(Exit has a most continuous co

Enter Diction, Mazewell, Tragic, Headpied M. and Glidewell.

Headp. Well, Diction, have you positively !!

refolv'd upon what I propos'd?

Diction. So far resolved, that I am deter so mined to follow you, go where you will, but I'd advise you to a very little Patience, and you'll find things brought about, without much strugling with your Antagonist; you are to und derstand that I have a secret in my Bosom, that assures me, you must triumph here shortly, so depend upon it, our wise Managers won't but able to stand long.

Headp. Prithee, let's hear the mighty &

cret ?

Distion. Why in the first Place, you know that we are pretty much out at Elbows, an if truly no wonder, considering how much we are apt to shake 'em; then you are not to lear how deep we are with Notandum, that's and ther Article against us, then our Judgment being small, and our Discretion less, we cannot possibly stand long under these Burdens, or Backs must break of Course.

Head

Headp. Humph! these Reasons are forcible mof enough, I fmell fomething, then confider how exact we have contracted with particular. Persons for ne of certain Sums, we shall hardly be ever able to onth pay, this savours much of Bankruptcy? What hink you Distion?

Diction. Think, I know it must be so, come piece Irs. Tragic hold up your Head, you'll short-

y be above them all.

Tragic. Nay, I will! 'tis not that I shall, tively ll make the proud Tyrant know, that Tragic folves to be revenged. Revenge! oh! there's deter sufic in the Sound, like warlike Symphonies l, bu chears my Heart, and glads my Soul with

mud Maze. Well faid, Tragedy; methinks, I to un ish the War was begun, I long to be in Ac-

n, tha on.

ly, so Tragic. What needs a War? When Deposi-on't bon is at hand, but say my Distion, how stand y Articles with this Tool in Power?

Diction. O my Articles don't give me much neafiness, for you must know I engag'd for Years for a certain large Sum play or not; if he is forc'd to throw up his Government, we at II can insist upon my Agreement; therefore lear ie quiet and snug to see how Matters go, but it's and enever, or wherever your Worship reigns, ment be myour Subject and ready to obey.

Headp. Well, I believe, I shall shortly

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Enter a Box-keeper following Bloodbolt.

Boxkeep. Pray, Sir, tell me the Reason of my being discharged? I am sure there was never any deficiency in my Account, nor was I ever negligent in my Busiuess at any time.

Blood. That is not my Business, Sir, we must have Fellows of Spirit about us, Rogues that fear no Colours; Damme if an Audience make a disturbance, then we shall know how to dea with them.

Boxkeep. I thought, Sir, there was Guard provided to quell any Disturbances, 'twould be a fine thing that the Boxkeepers shou'd all tur

Bullies.

Blood. Guards! Zounds we'll fave that Expence, what need we have Guards when whave Men about us that can act in a double Capacity; no, no, we'll have no Guards, 'twi be a good deal fav'd in a Season, therefor don't trouble me any longer but be satisfied and get about your Business.

Boxkeep. Blood, Sir! Pay me then, fince yo won't employ me any longer I won't stir wit

out my Money.

Blood. Go to the Office and receive it then Boxkeep. What fignifies going to the Office you know there's nothing there for me, by my Money I will have, and so look to yourse (Ex

Blood. These faucy Scoundrels, make much fuss as if they were of Consequence.

Diction. Why, for that matter you must e

pect 'em to grumble, if they are turn'd off, especially without being properly discharged.

Glide. Well, Sir, is this practice to begin or

no, for positively I can stay no longer.

Blood. Well, then you may let it alone, break your Articles as foon as you please, 'tis equal to me.

Glide. Aye, I know that's what you want, but all you can do shan't provoke me to it.

Blood. Why, then you must have Patience

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Headp. You may fancy this to be a legal Proceeding, Mr. Bloodbolt, but you'll find your-

felf very much mistaken.

Blood. That may be, Sir, but I fancy that every branch of Theatrical Business, is as great a Plague to him that undertakes, as Matrimony, and when once I get out of this Noose, I'd as soon run into the other, as ever to have any thing to do with it again.

Headp. Truly, I don't see any reason for your ever undertaking it, and if you'd be advis'd by me, you'd give up this Moment what neither

you understand nor belongs to you.

Blood. What do you mean by that, you speak as if you thought I had no right to be here, I

defire you'd explain.

Headp. Why to fay truth, I am inclin'd to think, that there are Employments wou'd fit eafier on you than this; and that you might make a better Figure in. And to deal plainly with you, the whole Company don't approve of being

ing under your Direction, therefore I think the

fooner you take my Council the better.

Blood. I am the Company's very humble Servant, and shan't trouble myself at their displeature. Zoons, 'twou'd be a pretty thing indeed if I were to mind 'em, no 'tis sufficient if I take Pains to make them mind me; and that I am Master here they shall all find. What they are mad I suppose, because they see I understand the Art of managing a Theatre, 'tis that they are discontented at, now they have met with their Match!

Headp. For shame don't imagine that we are Fools or Cowards, that we dare not dispute your right of Power, none here are bound to obey you, nor will they let me tell you; our Articles don't include you, therefore you must pardon me, if amongst the rest, I chiefly vote

against your Government.

Blood. Methinks, you feem to be fowing the Seeds of Discord and Rebellion; but do your worst, young Sir, we are prepared for whatever your Malice can determine; tho' let me advise you in my turn, don't take up Arms as before, because when you are forc'd to lay down your Colours, may be we may not be so fond of listing you again.

Headp. I shall scarce put you to the Trial, Sir, whenever I sally out again, I fancy 'twill be to so much Purpose, that I shall scarce be reduced to fight under your Banner again.

Blood. Well! well! I fee which way the wind fits, but we are a strong Company with-

out you, thanks to my Management, which you so mightily contemn, I am afraid that go when you will we shall rout you, as much as you despise it.

Headp. That I don't think worth my while to dispute with you about—that can only be an-

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Tragic. Nay more! you shall feel the mighty Vengeance which my Wrongs have rais'd with my Breast, i'll with my Headpiece go, and

jointly plot the ruin of thy State.

Blood. So, so, I find we must blockade again, or else our Territories will be invaded as before, here's two or three clever Dogs about the House, whom I have just listed will be able to stand a Tussel with your Myrmidons, begin when you will. We'll to it Tooth and Nail, Blood this looks like Business now; here Doorkeepers, Porters, where are you all. (Exit.

Maze. So now he is going to Blockade before the Enemy offers Battle, but he has an extreme Thickfcul, and therefore nothing furprizes me that he does; but suppose now that War shou'd ensue, who among us is of Head-

piece's Party.

Omnes. All, all, all for Headpiece.

Headp. I greet thy Loves not with vain Thanks, but with Acceptance bounteous, and will shortly put thee to it,

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## Enter Notandum in a burry.

Notan. Servant Mr. Headpiece, you are the very Man I wanted, but before I tell you my Business, I must embrace and wish you Joy.

Headp. Of what good Sir.

Notan. Of what you shortly will be-

Headp. How! which way?

Notan. Why you shall hear, there is a set of stout of Gentlemen, who by vertue of certain Warrants, have got Possession of the Person of your wise Manager; and 'tis for such monstrous Sums that he can never be free again; and to let you farther into the Matter, he has mortgaged so much to me, that I am got into sull Possession of all. I left him at the Tavern with his grim Companions just now in lamentable Plight; I have often warn'd of this, but he to the Fleet wou'd go.

Headp. But how does this make me Master

of the House?

Notan. Why the Patent is forfeited to me, and as I don't pretend to understand your Assairs of this Sort, I'll sell it you at a reasonable Rate, paying down a Thousand Pound in ready Cash, and give you a proper time for the Payment of the rest.

Headp. Generous Man! which way shall 1

be grateful?

Notan.

Notan. Be but as much your own Friend as

I am, and you'll overpay me.

Trag. And shall Tragedy be silent now? No, but such Thanks as one hating to be obliged, yet hating more Ingratitude, can pay, I offer; now with glad Voices let us hail the Hero with the Sound of Joy.

Diction. Long may he live and reign.

Maze. May Content, Peace, and Wealth for ever crown him.

Trag. May the Tragic and the Comic Muse combine (shine.

To make the Theatre like his own vast Merit Glide. My great Joy I can in my Service only speak, (too weak.

Action may express, where Words may prove Head. Enough, enough my Friends, you over-rate me much, and all my Answer must be my future Truth, let that speak for me, and make up my deserving, summons 'em all, I will come forth and shew myself. Now set we forward, and let us have the general Voice to compleat our Happiness; let 'em all assemble, and all concur to make our Wreath of Victory sit with Gladness on our Brow. You, my fair Tragic, sit next my Heart, as nearest us in Blood; therefore we give thee the full Preeminence, and on our Right seat thee on Throne.

Trag. Thanks to the Gods that thus have done me Justice,

Now, great Hero, the Storm's allay'd, And Conquest crowns the End of every Wish, E

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No more shall Tyrant Power my Right divest, No more shall Tragic Rage corrode my Breast, But with unbounded Joys to thee I yield,

Eager to have infuring Parchments fign'd and feal'd;

Let's haste, Impatience grows too strong;
Delay distracts me, and we stay too long;
Oh! for a Lawyer now let's quickly send,
Transports so increase, they never can have End,
Beyond the Grave, at thy Triumphs, I'll rejoice,
And in Elysium, in thy Praise, I'll raise my
Voice,

'Till the pale Ghosts revive at thy Applause, And Heav'n and Earth concurring own thy Cause.

Exeunt.

## Enter Bloodbolt.

Eigh-day, what are they gone! Headpiece, Tragic, Glidewell, stay, stay, I have Business with you. What the Plague? they can't be got out of Earshot already; but, 'gad, I'll follow them, for since poor Brainless is dispos'd on, I'll even be included in a new Treaty with them.

Exit.

## Enter George and Peter.

Peter. O, Brother George, what are all our Golden Days come to now? We must e'n to Fairs and strolling again.

George. Hang it, let's try what we can do with Mr. Headpiece, may be he'll take us.

Peter.

Peter. Pooh! you Blockhead, Mr. Headpiece knows better Things, he won't take us; what! when he exclaimed against our being listed before! no, no, tho' we were to have been Captains in to'ther Company, he will hardly accept of us for private Men in his, he defigns to fet Tragedy on Foot again, and Plays are to be as they were in former Days, when Actors only were valued! and fuch poor Dogs as we wou'd have jump'd at being Candle-Snuffers.

Why then we must e'en petition for fome fuch Post now, tho', methinks, 'tis a cruel Fall from three Pounds a Week to as many Shillings; it don't fit eafy upon me.

Peter. Why, to tell you the Truth, I don't like it any more than you do, but, fince the Devil drives, we must needs go, you know.

George. However, we need not speak at first, let us boldly to him, and insist upon

staying according to our Articles.

Peter. Why, you are mighty politick, Brother, but if we boldly infift upon staying, he will modestly desire us to walk off. So let him be the bold one, and let us humbly cut a Caper for Joy, if he admits us as Scene-Men; if you don't take my Advice, tho' you are a very good Tumbler to be fure, yet, if you thou'd tumble quite out of your Bread, 'twou'd be the worst Somerset you ever made in your Life.

George. Odfo, here he comes, 'gad, I'll speak to him.

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# Enter Headpiece.

WE give you Joy, Sir!
Head. Thank you, Friend.

George. I hope, Sir, we shall have the Honour to serve you; my Brother, Sir, and I, were articled to the 'Squire, poor Gentleman, I am forry for his Misfortune, but I hope, Sir, we shan't fare the worse for't.

Peter. You know, Sir, we are in Articles,

and I hope you won't make them void.

Head. Really, Gentlemen, I am forry it fo happens, but all my Scene-Men are fix'd, for I design to restore the old Servants that were turn'd out, for no other Fault than understanding their Business: I am forry I can't oblige you, Gentlemen.

George. Scene-Men, Sir, I don't understand

you.

Head. Nay, I an't sure if there is not a Vacancy among the Bill-Setters and Lamp-Men, if there is, you may each of you depend upon Places.

George. You know, Sir, I am a famous Tumbler, and can perform upon the Stage.

Head. Yes, Sir, but the Stage has been of itself tumbling a great while, for which Reafon, I don't intend to have any more of that Sort of Performance, there, but shall endeavour, as fast as I can, to set it upon its Legs again.

Peter. Did I not tell you how it would be;
—Come, come, let's strike while the Iron's
hot, for my Part, Sir, since Things can't be
better, we must be contented with them as they
are, so if there be a Lamp-Man's, or a BillSticker's Place, I shall be very proud to accept
of it.

Head. I won't absolutely promise, but if there are such Places to be fill'd up, you may

depend on one.

George. Well, half a Loaf is better than no Bread at all, so, Sir, if you please to think on me, I shall be greatly obliged to you, tho' Lamp-Man is a very stinking Trade, yet, if there's nothing better, I shan't refuse that.

Head. At present I am going to be busy, but if I can serve you, I won't be worse than

my Word.

Peter. Bless your Honour! Come, you foolish Dog, I think we are very well off.

George. Aye, Brother, but three Pound a

Week is better for all that.

Peter. Yes, Brother, but fince three Pounds is not to be had, fix Shiftings a Week is not contemptible, come along, and drink Master's Health, and be thankful.

George. Oh! my poor Dear, three Pounds

a Week, what art thou come to?

Peter. Why, down to fix Shillings, you Dog, come along, and be contented. Exeunt.

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O, every Man in his proper Sphere. I can't but think the Places these two Gentlemen are going to undertake, will become them much better than the Posts they were to have had in the 'Squire's Reign. Oh! here comes Mr. Bloodbolt, he feems to be in a violent Hurry too. Well, half a Loaf is better than

### Laids of short Enter Bloodbolt, ils ta basid on egreatly obliged to you, tho'

Blood. H! Mr. Headpiece, where did you hide yourself. I have been searching you in every Corner; well, dear Boy, I wish thee Happiness and Success, why, this is a fudden Change, nay, you did not think fo foon to be Master here.

Head. I can't fay I did. Not to feel my own good Fortune wou'd be infenfible indeed, but fince it arises from another's Miseries, I have not that Excess of Joy in it, that other-

wife I shou'd.

Blood. Why, to fay Truth, my Friend has made a curfed Mistake in his Matters, to bring Things to this Head; faith, I wish you had been deputed Manager, Things wou'd have gone better, I see that.

Head. For me to fay fo wou'd look vain, yet I can't think they wou'd have been quite fo bad, if I had been thought worthy; but you .sosigbasif

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were as positive as the 'Squire, and now you see what comes on't.

Blood. Well, I confess we are to blame, but since 'tis too late to repent, e'en say no more on't: but now I want to treat with you.

Head. Treat with me, Sir! I

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Blood. Aye, you know I have some new Pantomines, and, if we can agree, you shall 'em have perform'd for you, they are clever Things, faith; you and I will carry the whole Town before us.

Head. I am not going to dispute the Merits of your Compositions, but if you carry the Town before you, you must do it by yourself, for I positively resolve never to enter into any Treaty with you whatsoever.

Blood. Why fo, pray?

Head. You must excuse me giving any other Reason than my Will, I am determined not to admit any Partners, but keep the Power in my own Hands; I have a very good Company to support the Business, and am resolved to use 'em well according to their Merits. Besides, taking in a Partner is like a wealthy Tradesman, who is well set up, giving away half his Profits to a Journeyman.

Blood. Zoons! Sir, do you fancy me to be of no more Service, in a Playhouse, than a Journeyman in a Shop; I think I have giv'n

Proof of what Use I can be.

Head. Great Proof, indeed! in the first Place, Sir, I must take the Liberty to tell you, that there is not a Branch of the whole Business,

that

that you know any thing of, and in the next Place there are some Qualifications necessary in the Disposition of a Manager, that you are not happy as to be possess'd of.

Blood. Mighty well, Sir, pray go on.

Head. You know you have not the tendereft Way of thinking, but are apt to persevere in wrong Measures, purely because you vainly think 'em right.

Blood. What wrong Measures have I taken?

pray name one.

Head. 'Twou'd be needless for me to expatiate upon what the whole Town is so acquain-

ted with.

Blood. Pshaw, damn it, you and I won't fall out for all this. Why, how was it possible for me to be right, when there was a superior Power there, that was as obstinate as the Devil? If it had been between you and I, the House had been in another Plight, than what it now is: But however let's join our Forces, and then see what we shall make on't.

Head. 'Tis a known Maxim with me, that whatsoever I determine, if it be right, I proceed in't, tho' all the World were jointly to

disswade me from it.

Blood. And you won't agree with me.

Head, No.

Blood. Really.

Head. Positively.

Blood. And you are refolved.

Head. To an Extremity of Resolution.

Blood. And you are really so blind to your Interest. Head.

Head. I really am not blind, but will have

nothing to do with you.

Blood. Why then you and the House may be damn'd, I'll erect one at the Bear-Garden in a Month, that shall undo you in a Fortnight.

Exit.

Head. I imagined his Rage wou'd carry him thither. What a Head has he to think it worth his while to employ so much of his Time in what he absolutely knows nothing of? I think, tho', 'tis pretty plain that he had no legal Right to be concerned; if he had, I shou'd not so easily have got rid of him; I know that Money is his Deity, and he wou'd part with his Blood as soon; what ridiculous Fools must he have thought us all this while, to be govern'd by him who had no Pretensions to it! but now 'tis past, and no longer worth my Thoughts. Ha! my Friends approach, with open Arms, I'll meet 'em.

Enter Diction, Tragic, Mazewel, Glidewel, Actwel and Buskin.

Trog. Now my Friends we once again are met in Council,

The Fate of Brainless summons us together,
And Drury attends it Fate from our Resolves,
Pronounce your Thoughts, are you resolved to
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By Headpiece? Are you fixt? Or does any on Defertion think. Mazely speak.

Maze. My Voice is still for Headpiece.

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Gods! Can true Britons long debate, When Honour with their Words are past, We'll all stand by him.

Omnes. All, All, All.

Head. Oh, my Friends! come to my Arms, and in separate

Embraces let me speak my Thanks. (They all embrace him, Trag. last.)

Trag. O! my Headpiece.

No longer now shall jarring Discord, nor tyrannick Power molest thy Peace, thus each others Heart let's mutually partake, and may endless Blessings wait thee; my Joys crowd fast upon me, and I scarce have Power to tell thee, what Extacy of Joy, thy Fortune gives me.

Head. My Sifter! Oh! let me hold thee to

my Heart.

Gods

Trag. There if I grow the Harvest is your own.

Glide. Now my Heart refumes its wonted

Ease, and greets you with Success.

Diet. Drury again is free, and truant Fortune, that has long forfook it, now overpays in Headpiece every Wrong it suffer'd.

Actw. If amidst this glad Scene, my Congratulations may be received with no less Delight I hail thee *Headpiece* with the Sound of Joy.

(Head. Bows.

Busk. We know thy generous Mind, ne'e was fully'd by Ingratitude, but Honour in every Shape still shines conspicuous in thee. Ne ver was one so form'd, in every Circumstant for Power, who like thee can with persuasive Real

Reason govern, so that thou rather smiling seem'st to obey, yet not meanly, but as a Conqueror shou'd.

Head. What can I answer? All that I know

is, that you are good, and I am happy.

Trag. True, we are all fo, and the Joy is in our felves.

Head. To ease our past Anguish, by Justice sway,

Is to enjoy fuch Blifs as never can decay.

### Enter Notandum.

Notand. WEll dear little Headpiece, now, methinks, 'tis as it shou'd be. I am so divided between Grief and Joy, that I scarce know which will take the deepest Root; but I believe my dear Boy, my Transport will soon get the better of my Sorrow, for without Compliment to thee, I don't know the Man, who better deserves to be Dame Fortune's foremost Favourite.

Head. 'Tis almost an insupportable Pain of Joy that I feel, and I my self am doubtful, that I have or ever can describe it. How have you

dispos'd of poor Brainless?

Notand. Alas! He's immur'd for Life: I can't say but his hard Fortune gives me infinite Distress, but 'tis quite irreparable; therefore since 'tis so, we must think as little of it as we can. However, I've a Petition to you, Headpiece, and to you Mrs. Tragic, but I must have

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Question to you.

Head. You may command me, Sir; and Tragic, for my Sake, will as readily consent whate'er it be.

Trag. Thou know'st I am entirely at thy Devotion, therefore let Notandum speak his

Pleafure freely.

Notand. Thus then; fince poor Brainless never can be himself again, let us mutually contribute to make his Bondage as easy as we can; therefore the first Night you open, let it be for his Benefit; this will recommend you to the Esteem of every tender Heart, and give you Claim to their Regard.

Trag. With all my Heart, I willingly agree; my Revenge is overfated; I cou'd not have wished him to have met with this cruel Fate,

tho' he might have deferved it.

Head. Name a Play, and we'll immediate-

ly give Orders for it.

Notand. Why, he defires you'll play All for Love, or, the Earl of Essex. Mrs. Tragic once read the Characters of Cleopatra, and the Queen at a Quarter of an Hours Warning; and tho' he confesses, that he has us'd her ill, yet he hegs that she'll consent to perform one of them for his Benefit.

Head. 'Tis equal to me what—But has he fo foon forgot how he raised the Devil in my Breast, when I stalk'd abroad, and the Playhouse Passage trembled at my Roar.

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Notand. No more of that, but learn at once to forgive, and if possible forget.

Trag. Forget! forgive! I must indeed forget, when I forgive. Ha! the Memory of my Wrongs still subside; yet I will resolve with most heroick Patience to subdue each angry Thought, and soften into Pity without one jarring Attom.

Head. Worthily resolved! No, my Tragie, we will repeat our Wrongs no more, since Fortune has made us such infinite amends.

Trag. From this Moment, Headpiece, I will forgo all future Thoughts of Injuries, and blefs the Gods for this our kind Deliverance. Now,

No more shall surious Discords reign;
No more for Justice shall we plead in vain;
For thou, no less the Hero, than the Player,
Shall crown each Wish and chace away Despair;
No longer Actors on their Heads shall stand,
Nor obey a bullying Deputy's Command.
Now to thy Honours, let each raise his Voice,
And in choral Symphonies rejoice,
Thy Praise, thy Glories we'll together sing,
And proud as happy, own thee for our King.

## A I R I. Send Home my long stray'd Eyes to me.

Trag. No more shall Folly rule the Stage,
My Hero will our Hearts engage,
And with good Nature, easy, free,
Will govern well, while we obey,
Proud to be led by gentle Sway.

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From Tyranny free,
From Fools and from Bullies reliev'd.
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The worthy and brave
They mostly themselves have deceiv'd.

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Dear Colin prevent my warm Blushes.

Trag. With Transport I glow, and with Pleasure,
At once bid adieu to my Pain,
My Wishes succeed beyond Measure,
Nor can I my Joy then refrain.

Then come to my Arms and partake,
The Transport that rises from thee,
Dame Fortune at length for thy Sake,
No longer then blinded will be,
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Now Fortune smiling crowns our Wishes,
And deals her Favours where they are most
With constant Love and kind Caresses, (due,
May she brave Headpiece still pursue.
In him our Woes amends shall find,

May Fortune never From him fever, But with Truth ever Be fincere and kind.

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The Lover for the Favour greffer.

Now Fortune fmiling crowns our Wifnes,

And deals her Favours where they are most
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to him our Wees amends thatt find,

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